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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF: FIRLIK ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/802,808

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FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
EFFECTUATING A LASTING CHANGE IN
A NEURAL-FUNCTION OF A PATIENT**

EXAMINER: RODERICK D.
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ART UNIT: 3762

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance


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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed June 20, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 125-142, 144-161, 165-167, 171, 172 and 174-176. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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